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## Fairfield Glade Begins Construction

Ground breaking ceremonies for the initial building of Fairfield Glade Community Church, a new church start located in Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, were held on November 30, 1980.

Anticipated for completion by Easter, 1981, the 7,500 sq. ft. multi-purpose building will double both as a worship and fellowship area. A large and more elaborate sanctuary is planned for the future as membership increases.

The site for the church is a 3.78 acre plot of land, valued at \$113,000 which was given to the church by the General Manager of the Glade at the church's November 19th Annual Meeting.

Under the leadership of Dr. Marion Mansell, the church's first full-time minister who began serving the church in 1977, membership has more than tripled and now exceeds 150 persons.

An ecumenical venture, Fairfield Glade Church holds standing both with the United Presbyterians and with the Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ.

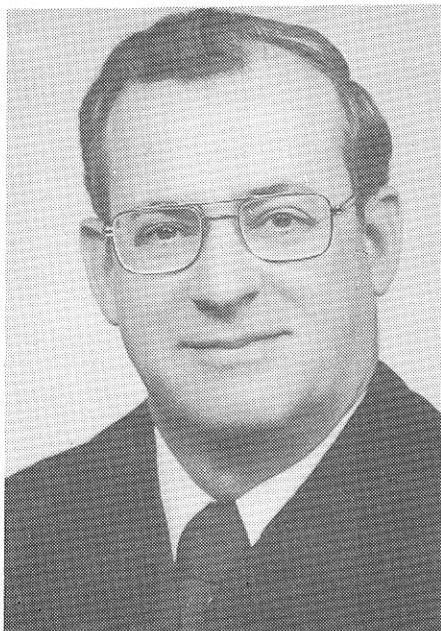
## Wilmington Ten Reversal

In a unanimous ruling the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, VA, has overturned the convictions of the "Wilmington Ten" on the basis of procedural error at the trial of the nine black men and one white woman who were convicted on charges of arson and conspiracy in 1972 in Raleigh, N.C.

The judges found that the defendants were denied their rights at a fair trial because their attorneys were not given full access to the testimony of a key prosecution witness. They had been charged with conspiring to bomb a white-owned grocery store during racial disturbances in Wilmington, N.C. in 1971.

Benjamin Chavis, a field worker for the UCC at the time and recently ordained as a UCC minister, was the most prominent of the Ten. He called the appeals court ruling "a tremendous victory for all justice-

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Dr. Emmett O. Floyd

## Dr. Floyd Named To Be Rear Admiral

Secretary of the Navy Edward Hidalgo announced recently that Dr. Emmett O. Floyd, Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference, has been selected to be a Rear Admiral of the U.S. Naval Reserve's Chaplain Corps.

Dr. Floyd will be the fifth successive chaplain and the first member of the United Church of Christ to advance to that rank in the Inactive Reserve. His duties will include serving as director of mobilization and ecclesiastical relations for the Naval Reserve's Chaplain Corps, which has more than 500 members. In addition, he will also serve as a special advisor to the Chief of Chaplains, U.S. Navy concerning Navy and Marine chaplaincy matters. He will succeed Rear Admiral General E. Kuhn who will retire later this year.

Dr. Floyd has served as an active duty chaplain in the Navy from 1952-1954 and again from 1962-64. Since that time he has continued to serve as a chaplain in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

While serving as the only chaplain among the flag officers in the Naval Reserve program, Dr. Floyd will continue

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## CWS Appeals for Italian Relief Contributions

Church World Service, the international relief and development arm of the National Council of Churches, has appealed to its 32 member church bodies for \$100,000 in relief funds for earthquake-stricken Italy.

Donations from individuals or churches may be sent to: Church World Service, Italian Relief, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10115.

Church World Service has already air-freighted 4,100 blankets worth \$16,400 and one million water purification tablets worth \$13,000 to the Italian government. The \$100,000 appeal will be used to pay for those goods and provide for subsequent relief and rehabilitation efforts.

According to CWS Assistant for Emergency Stanley Mitton, the agency hopes to send funds and future shipments to the Federation of Italian Evangelical Churches, a Protestant group. The federation is providing emergency aid in areas where its member churches are able to coordinate the effort.

## UCC Wins IRS OK To Publish Voting Records

Faced with the suit filed by the Office for Church in Society, the Internal Revenue Service has ruled that publication of voting records of members of Congress by OCIS will not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the UCC.

"The IRS ruling vindicates our judgment that our freedom of speech and that of others has been curtailed by the agency's order to tax-exempt groups not to comment on Congressional voting record," said S. Garry Oniki, OCIS director. "We trust this ruling is a precedent that the IRS will honor in behalf of all churches and public interest organizations."

OCIS had asked the IRS in January, 1979 for clarification of a 1978 ruling which challenges the tax-exempt status of organizations that engage in certain voter

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## CONFERENCE CORNER

### Rev. Warren Blankenhorn

In a national meeting of Conference Staff some time ago, Dr. Rubin Shears, Executive Director of OCLL, began his challenge to us with this little story: It seems a Chicago airport control operator received this radio message — "What time is it?" The operator responded, "What airline made that request?" The radio voice, "What difference does it make — what time is it?" Operator, "It makes a lot of difference. If you are TWA it is eighteen-hundred hours; if you are Eastern Airlines it is 6 o'clock; if you are Fudpucker Airlines the little hand is on the six."

If we were to measure the categories of Christian concern I suspect complacency would fit — "the little hand is on the six." Complacency has no place in a Christian's life. No matter how much we accomplished in 1980 or in the years previously, there are challenges of Christian cost and joy of discipleship yet to be attained. If we are satisfied with what we are, gratified with what we have accomplished, content with our present relationship with Christ and our church; we give evidence that our goals and objectives are far too low.

If complacency is to be overcome, the setting of objectives and goals — indicating our growth in faith, knowledge and service — will be very helpful in our Christian work for 1981 and beyond. Through OCWM and programs within the Southeast Conference there are many opportunities for Christian service and commitment.

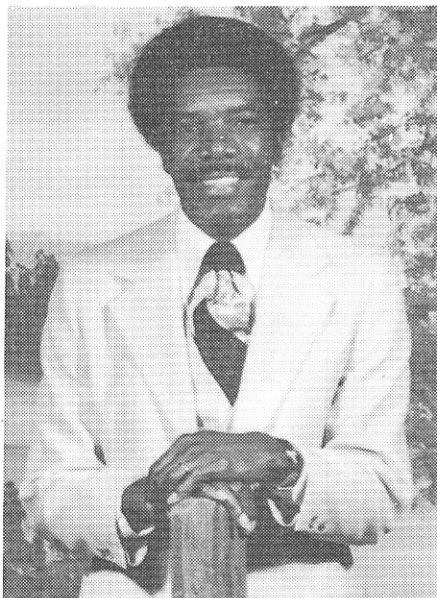
The category of "the little hand is on the six" is not of commendation. Nor is that of a complacent Christian. Quoting the apostle Paul, one of his descriptions of a Christian is one who strives "—for mature adulthood to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

### Dr. W. J. Andes Honored

Dr. William Andes, recently retired as Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference, was honored by the Elon College Community Church on November 30, 1980, by being designated Pastor-Emeritus.

Dr. Andes served the congregation, located in Elon College, N.C., from 1954 to 1966 prior to coming to the Southeast Conference.

Dr. Andes now serves as Director of Development for the Elon Home for Children on a part-time basis.



Rev. Andrew Frierson

### First Church Chattanooga Installs Frierson

The Rev. Andrew Frierson was installed on Sunday, December 7, 1980 as "Pastor and Teacher" of historic First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Chattanooga, TN. He came to this position after serving the congregation for several years as pastoral supply.

Preacher for the occasion was Southeast Conference Minister, Dr. Emmett O. Floyd. Representing the Alabama-Tennessee Association churches were Dr. David Beebe, pastor of Chattanooga Pilgrim and chairman of the Chattanooga church and ministry subcommittee; Rev. James L. Myers, pastor of Birmingham First UCC; Ms. Yubenia Prigmore, member of Sweetwater UCC and past Association Moderator; Rev. John Schaeffer, pastor of Belvidere First UCC and subcommittee member; and Dr. Wilson Welch, pastor of Nashville Howard UCC and Association Pastor-at-Large. Also participating was past Conference Moderator, Franklin Thomas, son of a former Chattanooga First Church pastor.

After several years of successful leadership as supply pastor, Rev. Frierson was called as pastor by the church. He was granted "privilege of call" by the Association, following special study of UCC polity and history and a theological examination. Mr. Frierson's standing previously was with the United Methodists.

First Congregational Church, UCC is associated in Chattanooga history with the founding of Howard High School by the American Missionary Association.

## Christian Leaders Express Objections To New Right

Religious leaders from 15 major American church bodies, including UCC President Avery Post, have expressed their "strong theological objections" to some of the positions taken and tactics used by the new religious right.

The criticism was directed at the Moral Majority, Christian Voice and the Christian Voters' Victory Fund for "the narrow range of issues" they advocate and the demand that candidates conform to their "religious and ideological lines," rather than to "the breadth of responsible Christian positions." Judging their selection of political issues to be "theologically and ethically inadequate," the Christian Right's use of the Bible was also questioned.

While arguing that Christians should be engaged in politics, the fifteen church leaders were careful to emphasize that churches and their officials have the right to comment on issues, mobilize members to support or oppose legislation and provide voting records of office holders.

In a related report, Norman Lear, the television producer, backed by People for the American Way, an advisory group of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish leaders, has contributed \$200,000 to produce five 60-second television spots to counter the activities of the politically active right wing Christian organizations. The networks have refused to air the spots, claiming they are too controversial. They are being placed on local stations with money contributed to buy the time.

## Handbook on Child Advocacy Published

Pilgrim Press has just published *The Child Advocacy Handbook* by Happy Fernandez. Written for anyone who wants to know what they can do to help children, the book suggests not theory, but action. Costing \$6.95, the book may be ordered by writing to: Pilgrim Press, 132 West 31 Street, N.Y., N.Y. 10001.

### Floyd — Cont'd.

his regular duties as Southeast Conference minister. In addition to spending several days each quarter in Washington, D.C., he anticipates two full weeks of service in annual training duty, which he plans to take as vacation time from the Conference.

Dr. Floyd anticipates completion of this service in 1984, since the normal tour of duty for this position is three years.



## Curriculum on TV - Christian Values Offered

Television viewers can now learn to view their favorite programs from a Christian values perspective. "Growing With Television: A Study of Biblical Values and the Television Experience" is a new 12-week curriculum for five age groups from younger elementary school children through adults.

Two years in the making, this unique resource was conceived and developed by Media Action Research Center, Inc. (MARC), the pioneering ecumenical agency that created Television Awareness Training (TAT) several years ago.

"Growing With Television" is a first in media education," says Dr. William F. Fore, MARC director and National Council of Churches' assistant general secretary for communication. "It puts Christian values and television values in sharp contrast, and will be of tremendous practical value in helping young people and adults understand TV from a Christian perspective."

"Growing With Television" can be ordered through local denominational bookstores. For further information about content or use of the materials contact Shirley Whipple-Struchen, MARC, 475 Riverside Drive, NY, NY 10115.

## New Historical Journal Published

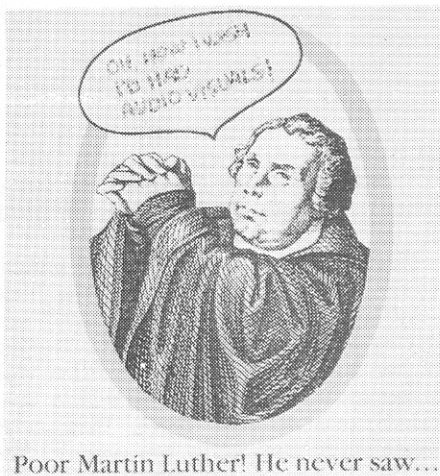
The UCC Historical Council has just begun publication of *Historical Intelligence*, a new annual journal which focuses on denominational traditions and maintenance of church archives.

The journal will be sent free to participants in the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed Historical Societies who have at least \$10 individual or \$20 institutional memberships. Student or retiree \$5 members may receive the periodical for an additional \$1.50 per year. Non-members may subscribe at \$2.50 per issue. Write Historical Council, UCC, 105 Madison Ave., NY, NY 10016.

## Wilmington Ten - Cont'd.

loving people all over the world." The UCC has spent more than \$400,000 in legal defense costs for the Wilmington Ten.

National executives of the UCC praised the reversal of the convictions and expressed regret that it had taken so long to



## POOR MARTIN LUTHER!

Poor Martin Luther! He never saw any of the exciting audiovisuals offered to you by the United Church of Christ! And what a list it is.

Including some 44 exciting filmstrips and multimedia kits, this is the first time that audiovisuals from all UCC instrumentalities have been listed together in one place. As a result, any of these resources can now be ordered by conveniently writing to only one address.

Listed in a new audiovisual flier published by the Stewardship Council, the flier was included in the **UCC Key-Pak** for January-June 1981. Additional copies of the flier or orders for audiovisuals may be placed by writing:

Distribution Service  
Stewardship Council  
1505 Race Street, Room 618  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Just one example of the audiovisuals listed is: "Our Journey," a multimedia packet of resources on the roots and heritage of the United Church of Christ which tells of the Reformation beginnings of the UCC as seen by a recent tour group to Europe of 12 youth and 6 adults.

You will find "Our Journey" useful in establishing a UCC identity for your church. The packet includes a 20-minute filmstrip and cassette, as well as a board game, historical description, an issue of *Youth* magazine, a travel guide, and a guide for use with youth and adults.

You may either purchase the packet or rent it at an audiovisual library or through the Southeast Conference.

vindicate the defendants who served as much as four years in prison before the last, Chavis, was paroled in December, 1979.

## Trudi Sanford Honored

Trudi Sanford, founder of the Southeast Conference Youth Core, was recently honored in "Notes To Our Friends," a special mission publication of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

Utilizing the entire issue to tell Trudi's Story, writer Martha Underhill of the UCBHM staff commented that one of the things she enjoys about her job is her opportunity to interview and tell the story of so many "saints of the church." And Trudi is one of these saints!

A member of Central Church, UCC in Atlanta, Trudi Sanford has proven herself to be a "natural" with young people. For a three year period, beginning in 1977, Trudi invested her energies in the Southeast Conference Youth Core, a group of selected young people and adult advisors who were specially trained to provide leadership in youth ministry and events.

Shrugging off the praise, Trudi commented that she is "just one of thousands working in the church and loving it."

## TOO MANY PASTORS?

Lyle E. Schaller, noted writer and lecturer, comments that "the placement crunch for local pastors may become more severe during the 1980's..." Schaller's comment appears in the introduction he has written for a new book, **Too Many Pastors? The Clergy Job Market** by Jackson W. Carroll, a research coordinator at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and Robert L. Wilson, a professor at the Duke Divinity School.

Carroll and Wilson report the results of a recent study of twelve Protestant denominations, including the United Church of Christ. The current oversupply of clergy is, they conclude, due to the increasing number of seminary graduates (especially women), the growing tendency of many pastors to postpone retirement, and the uncertain state of the economy.

Should fewer persons, then, prepare for the ministry? Not necessarily. However, those who do should be fully aware of the placement difficulties that await them and be prepared also to accept full or part-time secular employment to supplement their income.

**Too Many Pastors? The Clergy Job Market** is available in paperback for \$6.95 from Pilgrim Press, UCBHM, 132 W. 31st Street, NY, NY 10001.





Belvidere, TN, UCC members (l-r) Jim Brown, Linda Brown and Duncan Everett

## Organic Growers Form Association

Three members of Belvidere, TN, United Church have helped to initiate a new group in their area called the Organic Growers Association of Tennessee.

All in their second year as organic growers, Duncan Everett, Linda Brown and Jim Brown explain that the purpose of the Organic Growers Association of Tennessee is "to enable people in our area to obtain the information and materials needed to produce their food by the use of organic methods.

"We believe that these methods, which are based on much modern scientific research, will provide better quality food for better nutrition and better health. We also feel that these methods, if applied, could reverse the present dangerous levels of soil erosion and environmental pollution that we are experiencing as a result of the excessive use of synthetic 'pre-digested' fertilizers and poisonous pesticides."

"The basis of organic methods is to improve the health of the soil by encouraging the growth of beneficial organisms and increasing humus levels as well as providing all the elements necessary to plant growth. These methods are scientific. They are not just an effort to go back to the old ways, nor are they just a negative reaction to present methods."

"We believe that organic methods express a faith in our Creator and the things that he has provided for us. These methods represent a kind of stewardship that we feel can best manage our resources to feed more people in the long run and still accept our responsibility to future generations."

Those in the middle Tennessee area who

## REMEMBER THE HUNGRY

UCC missionary Pauline King writes from the Family Village Farm in South India:

"Yesterday a young 23-year-old mother came to me with her five-month-old starving child, thin and emaciated and crying pitifully. She took an old bottle out of her bundle of rags. It was filled with watery milk. The baby drank a little, then cried; took a little more, then cried again...until the bottle was empty. The mother rocked and patted him until he fell asleep. She — an orphan herself — was deserted by her husband before the baby was born. She lives with neighbors and works an entire day for two rupees or 25c — not enough to feed herself and her child. Yes, we will admit the baby to our nursery at the Family Village Farm. We have no sponsor for him — but he cannot wait."

"This is the story of literally millions in Africa and Southeast Asia," Pauline goes on. "Malnutrition, like communicable disease, is spreading to epidemic proportions. But malnutrition is preventable."

"The trouble with most of us is that we react very much like eight-year-old Vijay who, after listening to a discussion about famine in Africa, anxiously asked, 'Will the famine come here?' On being assured that it would not, he heaved a great sigh of relief and promptly forgot all about it."

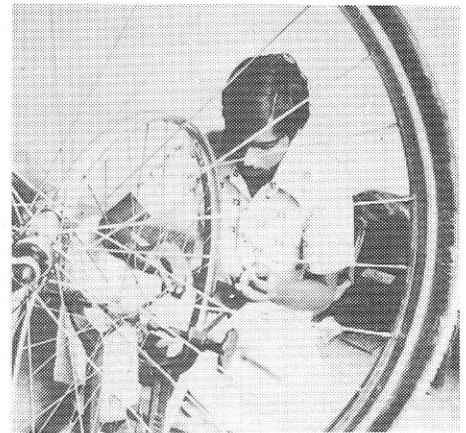
"But as Christians we cannot forget. We have an inescapable mandate to feed the hungry, and today that means on a global scale."

## Ministers' Convocation Scheduled

The Southeast Conference Ministers and Spouses' Convocation, an annual event for continuing education and fellowship, will be held this year Monday through Wednesday, May 4-6, 1981. After a number of years at Camp Sumatanga, Gallant, AL, the event will be held this year at St. Bernard Abbey, Cullman, AL.

All ministers and spouses are urged to attend. Further details will be forthcoming.

would like to be a part of the Association may do so for a small fee. Inquiries and requests for information are welcome. Please write: Belvidere UCC, Route 2, Box 167, Belvidere, TN 37306.



Boy repairing bicycle in Mahasamund, India

## UCC Missions At Work

The Rural Training Institute in Mahasamund, India is one of the many institutions supported by our United Church of Christ that was featured in the recently-published photo essay pamphlet "The United Church of Christ at Work: In Asia."

The Rural Training Institute is a polytechnical school that takes in village school dropouts and teaches them such trades as blacksmithing, carpentry, and bicycle-repairing. Learning a trade is very important to the boys because it offers them a means of income that will supplement their marginal earnings as farmers.

Other photographs of the Rural Training Institute can be found in "The United Church of Christ at Work: In Asia," which is available in the January-June 1981 UCC Key-Pak, delivered last month to every local church in our denomination.

## CURT'S NUGGETS

The great sales commandment is: "Thou shalt covet!"

CURT SCHUMACKER  
Pleasant Hill, TN

## UCC Wins - Cont'd.

education activities. OCIS stopped publishing voting records on legislation it was following, pending such clarification.

When the IRS failed to respond after more than a year and a half, OCIS filed suit to have the 1979 ruling invalidated.

The American Civil Liberties Union represented OCIS in the suit. David Landau, the ACLU attorney in the case, hailed the IRS decision as a "major victory for freedom of speech."

—from Keeping You Posted



## "Growing Older" Prayer

"Lord, thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and some day will be old. Keep me from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and every occasion.

"Release me from the craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details — give me wings to get to the point. I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales of other's pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

"But seal my lips on my own aches and pains. They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

"Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint — some of them are so hard to live with — but a sour old man (or woman) is one of the crowning works of the devil. Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it, but thou knowest, Lord, I want a few friends at the end.

"Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen."

—Lanett, AL, Newsletter

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First Congregational Church, UCC, Atlanta, GA

## AROUND THE CONFERENCE

### First Congregational Church, UCC, Atlanta, GA

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, from the Gulf of Mexico to the mountains of Tennessee, the Southeast Conference covers a broad expanse of territory. Contained within her boundaries are some 120 churches — widely dispersed — widely diverse in heritage and religious expression — and yet united in the conviction that the churches of Jesus Christ "may all be one."

One of the most historic churches in the Conference is First Congregational Church, UCC in Atlanta, GA. Organized in 1867, the church received substantial support and pastoral leadership during its first 30 years from the American Missionary Association.

But in 1894 the church experienced a rebirth with the arrival of new pastor Henry Hugh Proctor, the church's first black pastor. After becoming self-supporting, the church, in due time, established five missions, including an orphanage and prison mission. In addition, the church provided a library, gym, business school, employment bureau, working girls' home, kindergarten and classes for the blind.

In 1908 the church's present building, located in downtown Atlanta, was constructed with necessary modifications and remodeling being done over the years. Following growth in membership to well over 1,000 during World War I, present membership has leveled off to about 600 members.

Perhaps Atlanta First Church's greatest legacy lies in its economic and racial

pioneering. Resulting from resolutions of First Church members, such institutions as Citizens Trust Bank, Atlanta Life Insurance Company and Mutual Federal Home Loan Association were born. Following the bloody Atlanta race riot in 1906, First Church was instrumental in helping to develop the Atlanta Interracial Commission. In the 1960's, under the leadership of Rev. Homer McEwen, the church launched the Atlanta boycott, which paved the way in making Atlanta an open community.

At the present, in addition to refurbishing its building, First Church is working to strengthen its church school program, increase its services to the surrounding community and implement a comprehensive volunteer ministry program.

Rev. Randall C. Bailey is the church's new Assistant Minister. The Senior Minister is Rev. Marvin L. Morgan.

## WIT

At a recent college reunion, each class held up a banner displaying a humorous poem or statement. There was competition for the best one. The member of the class of 1918 easily won the prize with the banner:

My Bifocals fit,  
My Dentures are fine,  
My Hearing Aid works,  
But I do miss my mind.

—from Pleasant Hill, TN, UCC



# N-E-W-S and N-O-T-E-S

On November 23, 1980 Mr. Steven Nunn-Miller was ordained to the Christian ministry by the Alabama-Tennessee Association in cooperation with Pilgrim Congregational UCC in Chattanooga, TN where the service was held. Rev. Nunn-Miller is the director of an inner-city ecumenical ministry in Chattanooga.

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In October Dr. Curtis Schumacher, Pleasant Hill, TN, preached the morning service at Knoxville, TN, UCC and led a workshop on stewardship. Dr. Schumacher, now retired, once served as Church Financial Advisor, UCBHM.

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A new choir has been started at Antioch Congregational Church, Andalusia, AL. With over 20 persons participating, it is the church's first choir in over 10 years. Rev. Elmer Carnes is the pastor.

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A new book by Edward Powers and Rey O'Day entitled *Theatre of the Spirit: A Worship Handbook* has recently been published by Pilgrim Press. A source book on how to approach worship more creatively, the book can be ordered from: UCBHM, 105 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016.

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An excellent resource on financial affairs designed specifically for clergy, congregations and religious leaders is "Church and Clergy Finance." Published by Ministers Life Resources, Inc., 3100 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55416, the yearly subscription rate is \$12.00.

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The Office for Church Life and Leadership is offering opportunities to UCC lay and clergy women and minority persons for training in conference staff work. These training opportunities are scheduled to begin in 1981 and will include supervised

staff work in selected conferences, reading of selected materials and structured learning sessions. For applications or for more information write to: Rev. Kenneth Iha, 870 Market Street, Room 652, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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Elizabeth Haberkamp, wife of the late Rev. Henry Haberkamp, died on November 22, 1980. Services were held in Toledo, OH. The Haberkamps served Belvidere, TN, UCC from 1930-38.

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Rev. George Bennett has resigned as pastor of Button-Gwinnett, UCC in metropolitan Atlanta. As the organizing pastor of the new church start, Rev. Bennett helped get the church off to a good start during his 2½ year tenure. The congregation has elected a Search Committee to begin the process of seeking a new pastor. The Rev. Roger Sizemore is serving as the church's Interim Minister.

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Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga, TN, held a recognition Sunday on December 7, 1980. The church celebrated the presence of 2 charter members and 19 members who have been part of the church for 50 years!

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Contacted by UCBWM Secretary for Service, Dr. Al Bartholomew, Southeast Conference Navy Chaplain Charles Melvin is now stationed in Naples, Italy where he will assist UCBWM in evaluating and supervising our church relief efforts in the Naples, Italy area, the subject of recent massive earthquakes that devastated the area. Until his present assignment, Chaplain Melvin was stationed in Pensacola, FL where he helped in serving several churches in the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association.

## POP-IN ENJOYED

Some 50 youth and adult advisors enjoyed a "Pop-In" held at Brookmeade Congregational Church, UCC in Nashville November 14-16, 1980.

Sponsored by the Alabama-Tennessee Association, six Association churches were represented at the weekend event. Under the leadership of Leanne Tigert, Brookmeade Youth Coordinator, the program featured not only fellowship and fun, but focused in on clarification of personal values. Worship was also an important part of the weekend with youth participating in Brookmeade's Sunday morning worship service.

The next regularly scheduled youth event of the Alabama-Tennessee Association was "Reach-Out Day," scheduled for January 25, 1981.

A resident of Uplands Retirement Community, Pleasant Hill, TN, has an unusual distinction. Not only was Elisabeth Martini the first woman architect in the State of Michigan, but she also designed a number of churches as well as her own home at Uplands!

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The National Council of Churches in conjunction with the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, the U.S. Catholic Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention all recently honored ABC TV President Frederick Pierce for his support of ABC News' "Directions" program. A 30 minute program covering news events from a religious perspective, all four groups cooperate with ABC News in producing the Sunday program.

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Dr. Alfred Hurst was recently designated as Pastor Emeritus of Elon College Community Church, Elon College, N.C. Dr. Hurst formerly served Pilgrim Congregational UCC, Chattanooga, TN.

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